### VCE Loudoun Master Gardeners Present Free Virtual Lecture Series



# Native Plants vs. Cultivars: Which to Choose?

As native plants become more popular, many cultivars are being offered in the marketplace. But do these cultivars still benefit pollinators and wildlife, or are they just decorative items in the landscape? Learn about the results of several trials that have been conducted in the Mid-Atlantic and New England and get some tips on how to choose plants that will most benefit your ecosystem

Connie has been gardening with native plants for 30 years and finds that there is always something new and exciting to learn. She is retired from her job of 22 years as Consumer Horticulture Educator for Penn State Extension, where she concentrated on gardening with native plants to attract pollinators. Prior to joining Penn State Extension, Connie taught school in Williamsburg, VA and worked as a naturalist with the National Park Service in Wyoming. She has a B.A. from Dickinson College and has done graduate work in soils at Montana State.

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